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SUBJECT: CIVAR: TAB FOREIGN AIR CARRIER PERMIT

REF: STATE 27686

1. TRANSPORTES AEREOS BENIANOS, S.A. (TAB OR TABSA), ALSO KNOWN AS BOLIVIAN AIRWAYS AND BOLIVIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS (BIA), STILL IN BUSINESS. GOB CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTOR AYALA, HOWEVER, HAS CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY THAT COMPANY CURRENTLY HAS NO AIRCRAFT REGISTERED IN BOLIVIA. EMBASSY AWARE THAT IN LAST SIX MONTHS COMPANY HAS BEEN FLYING CARGO TO AND FROM US USING BIA DESIGNATION. AYALA STATES THAT TAB HAS OFFICES IN MIAMI AND LA PAZ AND "SPORADICALLY" LEASES AIRCRAFT (DC-8, CONSTELLATIONS AND OTHERS) FROM AIRLIFT, INC. OF MIAMI FOR THESE FLIGHTS.

2. TO BEST OF AYALA'S KNOWLEDGE TAB HAS BEEN FLYING ONLY AIRCRAFT UNDER "WET" LEASE FROM AIRLIFT, INC. AND NO OTHER COMPANY HAS USED ITS U.S. OPERATING PERMIT.

3. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT BEFORE TAKING ACTION TO CANCEL TAB'S SECTION 402 OPERATING PERMIT WE SHOULD FIRST INFORM AND CONSULT WITH GOB. TAB IS ONLY COMPANY CURRENTLY EXERCISING BOLIVIAN RIGHTS UNDER US-BOLIVIAN CIVIL AGREEMENT. THIS AGREEMENT NOW BEING RENEGOTIATED.

4. GOB THUS WILL BE SENSITIVE TO SUDDEN CANCELLATION OF TAB'S  
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PERMIT EVEN THOUGH IT INVESTIGATING COMPANY. AYALA STATES THAT

GOB CIVIL AERONAUTICS RECENTLY DECIDED TO INSTIGATE INVESTIGATION BECAUSE ALTHOUGH COMPANY EXPLOITING LOCAL MARKET IT HAS NO GENERAL GOB PERMIT TO MAKE INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS. EACH TAB CONTRACTED FLIGHT IS AUTHORIZED SEPARATELY BY GOB. CAPT. LUIS EDUARDO TERAN, GOB DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT, PLANS TO TRAVEL TO MIAMI ON AS YET UNSPECIFIED DATE IN MARCH. EMBASSY HAS SUGGESTED THAT HE SHOULD TRY TO CONTRACT CAB. WE ARE REQUESTING IN SEPTEL THAT US DEPARTMENT COMMERCE SEND EMBASSY CREDIT REPORT ON AIRLIFT THAT WE CAN GIVE GOV AUTHORITIES.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION FOR CONSULTATION SUGGESTED ABOVE AND NAME OF OFFICIAL IN MIAMI, IF ANY, THAT TERAN MIGHT CONTACT.

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